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OVER \$12.9 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS PRESENTED IN ALLEN PARISH

KINDER, October 21, 2005 – Michael B. Taylor, State Director for USDA Rural Development in Louisiana, visited Kinder Friday to deliver over \$12.9 million in funding for multiple construction projects in Allen Parish.

At his first stop, Taylor presented \$4.6 million in loan funds to Allen Parish Hospital Service District 3 to fund construction of a new surgical care/emergency wing and ambulance port for the Allen Parish Hospital. One hour later, Taylor presented \$2.2 million in loan funds to Allen Parish to construct a new jail and \$6.1 million in loan and grant funds to the Town of Kinder to replace the town's sewer system.

Allen Parish previously received \$1.8 million from USDA Rural Development to fund construction of the new jail, and this \$2.2 million will bring the total project value to \$4 million.

"These funds will make it possible for the hospital to improve access to critical life-saving medical services, the Town of Kinder to improve their waste disposal system, and Allen Parish to build a new jail," said Taylor. "We are proud to be a part of these important community projects."

Funding presented on Friday included:

Allen Parish Hospital Service District 3	\$4,602,000 Loan	To construct a new 12,000 square foot surgical care/emergency wing and adjoining 2,400 square foot ambulance port.
Parish of Allen, State of Louisiana	\$2,200,000 Loan	To construct a new jail to house Allen Parish prisoners.
Town of Kinder	\$4,030,000 Loan \$2,072,000 Grant	To replace approximately 90,000 feet of collection lines and 80,000 feet of service lines for the Town of Kinder's sewer system.

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